

City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
January 25, 2012

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Pete Garcia, Marilyn McCorvey, Travis Reese

Visitor(s) present: Kerval Lynch, Antonio R. Perez

Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of minutes from August 24, 2011: Let the record show an accurate reflection of the proceedings.

Swearing in of all parties intending to present testimony.

Additions/deletions to agenda: Mr. Reese stated none.

Consent agenda: Mr. Reese stated that all cases from the last meeting are now in compliance with city codes. Let the record show all properties in compliance.

New business:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding the following agenda items:

1. 11-0376, 800 East Ventura Avenue, owner of record, James Benson.
2. 11-0404, 303 Via del Aqua, owner of record, Gerardo Gonzalez.
3. 11-0410, 820 Laurel Street, owner of record, Hector Guardia.
5. 11-0419, 605 Bowden Road, owner of record, Jessica Scheffler Rader.
6. 11-0453, 327 West Ventura Avenue, owner of record, William Ray Clinard.

None of the property owners were present. Code Officer Garcia verified that proper notice was given and that the properties are now in compliance.

The City of Clewiston recommended dismissal of these cases.

Mr. Watt ruled that the five (5) cases listed above are in compliance and are dismissed.

Case #11-0418: Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 11-0418, for the property located at 333 West El Paso Avenue, owner of record, Kervall Lynch.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an illegally parked semi, sec. 102-39 and presented pictures of the property on two (2) separate dates. Mr. Lynch stated that he had no idea of the violation and also stated that it is difficult to park elsewhere as he's gone all week and comes in late at night.

Mr. Watt agreed and allowed Mr. Lynch thirty (30) days to find an appropriate place to park to avoid fines and fees. Mr. Watt also waived the \$150.00 administration fee for this meeting only.

Case #11-0453: Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 11-0453, for the property located at 517 East Sagamore Avenue, owner of record, Osmel Fonseca.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is a non-permitted use of a single-family residence, sec. 110-387 and presented pictures of the property. Mr. Fonseca had his attorney, Mr. Antonio Perez, representing him.

Mr. Watt agreed and allowed Mr. Fonseca thirty (30) days to find places for his tenants to reside and to avoid any fines and fees. Mr. Watt also waived the \$150.00 administration fee for this meeting only.

Case #11-0485: Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 11-0485, for the property located at 923 North Berner Road, owner of record, Tracy & Cynthia Bethea.

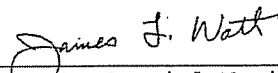
Mr. Reese stated that the violation is a non-conforming structure on city property. This case was tabled to allow the city commission to review recommendations from staff for a possible solution for the carport to remain where it is currently located.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.


James L. Watt, Special Magistrate